Production of crude oil

1215. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the value of crude oil imported during the last four years, year-wise; and

(b) what steps have been taken by Government to increase the production thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) The value of crude oil imported during the last four years is given below:

Year	Value Rs./Crores
1984-85	3430
1985-86	3687
1986-87	2120
1987-88 (Provisional)	3065

(b) Government have taken the following steps to increase the production of crude oil:—

—Intensification of exploration, which may eventually lead to enhanced production.

—Use of enhanced oil recovery techniques.

—Induction of advanced technology.

LPG facility in various towns of West Bengal for domestic use

1216. DR. R. K. PODDAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of towns in West Bengal where LPG facility is available to the consumers for domestic use through regular dealers; and

(b) which are the towns/places likely to be provided with this facility during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) As on the 1st October, 1989 there were 53 towns/cities having LPG facility in West Bengal;

(b) Upto the Annual LPG Marketing Plan 1988-89, the Oil Industry has proposed to set up LPG distributorships at the following locations in West Bengal:

1. Ballygunge
2. Debagram
3. Kanurgachi
4. Calcutta (27 locations)
5. Hastings
6. Bhavnipur
7. Raja Bazar
8. Teretti Bazar
9. Howrah
10. Tarakeswar
11. Darjeeling (2 locations)
12. Siliguri
13. Bankura
14. Tamluk
15. Diamond Harbour
16. Krishnagar
17. Asansol
18. Bagban
19. Jalpaiguri
20. Bahrampur
21. Gangaranpur (2 locations)
22. Medinapur
23. Raigunj
24. Durgapur
25. Baranagar
26. Hapar
27. Sarampore
28. Belur
29. Habra
30. Islampur
31. Dankuni